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Redaction in Number.

The following resolution was considered at the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday:—That the Board recommends that there should in future be one Assistant Medical Officer of Health only and that the post of the Assistant Medical Officer of Health be abolished as soon as convenient, and that arrangements be made with the Medical Department for the loan of a medical officer during the absence on leave, etc., of either the Medical Officer of Health or the Assistant Medical Officer of Health, to discharge the duties of a sanitary adviser to the Board and the Department.

The President (Mr. R. D. T. Wolfe) said the recommendations of the Government were that there should be one Medical Officer of Health on this side and an assistant medical officer of Health in Kowloon. Dr. Macfarlane, who was now on leave, had been recommended for the post of Government bacteriologist, and on his return there would be a vacancy for the second assistant medical officer of Health. The question was whether they would require anybody to replace him or not. He might point out that except for one short period, as far back as 1903, there had never been three medical officers at work at the same time in the Colony; at that time a third medical officer was appointed on the recommendation of Professor Simpson when plague was very bad in the Colony, but since Aug. 1903 there had only been two medical officers actually engaged in the work. In addition, he wished to point out that owing to the simplification of plague procedure and the reduction in the amount of general sanitary work the work of the medical officers had been reduced. That was a further reason why only two medical officers were required. Certain duties had been transferred to the Building Authority, and that further reduced the work of the medical officers, so that the doctors originally appointed for plague work were not required now even for plague work. They could do other work. Last year there was a severe outbreak of plague, the cases exceeding over 1,300, and the two medical officers were able to cope with the work. It seemed therefore unnecessary to have three medical officers where two would suffice, as even in an emergency they could always get an extra man. To pay that officer during the period when he is not required seemed in the present state of the finances to be hardly advisable.

The Registrar-General—Is any of the Medical Officers of Health's work now done by the Head of the Department?

The President—A certain portion of the work formerly done by the Medical Officer of Health is now done by the Head of the Department, while a great deal is done by the two in conjunction.

Mr. Hooper—Who does the mortuary work in Victoria?

The President—A great deal is done by the Government bacteriologist.

Mr. Hooper—Who does Kowloon?

The President—The Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. Hooper—How many hours a day does that take him?

The President—I will ask Dr. Pearce to reply.

Dr. Pearce—The average is about two hours a day.

Mr. Hooper—Then, Sir, I would refer you to the Governor's minute. What is his suggestion that we should borrow from the Medical Department.

The President read the Governor's minute.

Mr. Hooper—Then we should be in no worse position than we are to-day. We do not care whether a doctor is supplied from the medical department or whether he is sent from England. We have the same staff.

The President—That was the proposal made by the Secretary of State in recommending Dr. Macfarlane for the post of Government Bacteriologist; if the second assistant was not replaced we should always have a man from the medical department.

Mr. Hooper—Then I think that is quite satisfactory. We shall not suffer the loss of a medical officer of Health, because we still have one at our call from the medical department.

The resolution was subsequently moved by the President. Mr. Lau, Chin Pak, seconded, and the motion was agreed to on the understanding that arrangements be made with the Medical Department as indicated.

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23rd August, at 10 o'clock, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors and the Statement of Accounts to  
the 30th June, 1909.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 9th to  
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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, July 29.  
THE DUKE OF ARGYLL CLAIMS  
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An action has been raised in the Scottish  
Court of Session by the Duke of Argyll  
against Angus John Campbell of Dun-  
staffrage, 'it is a claim for the ancient  
Castle of Dunstaffrage. The Duke states  
that from a very early period the castle was  
a royal residence and fortress, but was  
conveyed to him when his family acquired  
the Barony of Lorne from the Stewarts in  
1470, the castle being then mentioned as the  
principal messuage or manor house of the  
barony. In 1503, Archibald, second Earl  
of Argyll, granted in fee farm to his be-  
loved kinsman Alexander Campbell Kern  
and his heirs male the lands of Penrynacale  
in Lorne, and the regendie of the charter  
included the safe-keeping and maintenance  
of the Castle of Dunstaffrage. The Duke  
also cites a charter of 1667, and avers that  
notwithstanding the obligations in the  
infestments of the lands, Mr Campbell and  
his predecessors have failed to maintain  
and upkeep the Castle of Dunstaffrage,  
with the result that it has fallen into a  
ruinous condition.

The Defender, Mr Campbell, claims that  
he and his ancestors have been hereditary  
captains of Dunstaffrage since 1436, a date  
prior to the acquisition of the Barony of  
Lorne by the Duke's ancestors. His ear-  
liest written title, June 24, 1602, from  
Archibald, the second Earl, confirmed Sir  
Alexander Kern and his heirs male not only  
in the lands but in the office which is  
commonly called Mainrychty. He in any  
case claims that Dunstaffrage Castle has  
been occupied for centuries by his ances-  
tors as the manor house of the estate.  
Stones built into the Castle bear his arms  
and initials, and the Castle was treated as  
the manor house of Dunstaffrage when the  
estate was entailed in 1730.

A letter is quoted from Major-General  
John Campbell to Neil Campbell, the  
twelfth captain of Dunstaffrage, and dated  
August 1, 1743. In it John Campbell  
desires to know how many men were in  
"garrison in your house." The letter  
proceeds, "Make my compliments to  
your lady, and tell her that I am obliged  
to desire the favour of her for some days  
to receive a very pretty young rebel. I  
suppose you have heard of Miss Flora  
Macdonald." The Castle was destroyed  
by fire in 1810 and has not since been used  
as a family residence.

## THE HIGHLANDS.

At the annual concert of the Gaelic  
Society in Inverness, Lochiel said that  
excellent results had attended the efforts  
of the Society in the way of promoting  
Gaelic education. There had been a Gaelic  
revival ever since the formation of the  
Society in 1871.

Miss Du Boulay, an inspector of schools  
from the Transvaal, has been in the Low-  
lands inquiring into the Li-Liquid question, with  
a view of assisting the Department of  
Education in the Transvaal to solve the  
more or less similar problem. She was  
greatly surprised to find the command of  
English which the children acquired after  
being at school for only two years, and was  
impressed with the facility with which, as  
an early age, they could read both Gaelic  
and English.

The Kinross Macraes had a great muster  
on the top of a high hill overlooking the  
Inverness House, Kyle. There were speeches  
in Gaelic, and Sir Colin George Macrae was  
acclaimed chief of the clan many "macraes"  
being emptied in his honour.

## SCOTTISH ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Dr William S. Bruce, of the Scottish  
Oceanographical Laboratory, Edinburgh,  
has chartered the steam-trawler Leith,  
and is having her refitted for a scientific  
expedition to Prince Charles' Foreland,  
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scientific staff, including Mr J. Y. Barn  
Murdock, F.G.S.; Mr John Mathieson, of  
the Ordnance Survey Staff, Scotland,  
who will act as chief surveyor; Dr  
R. N. Rudmose Brown, late of the Scotia;  
Mr Ernest A. Miller, who accompanied  
him on his first expedition to Prince  
Charles' Foreland, and who has since, under  
the auspices of the Argentine Republic,  
acted as meteorologist at the station in  
Scott Bay, South Orkney; Mr Alastair  
Geddes, son of Professor Geddes, and two  
geologists. Mr H. Hannay, F.G.S., who  
has had extensive experience in China  
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the way of repairing battle-ships in the  
(Continued on Page 3.)

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SATURDAY, August 21:—

Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong and  
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1909.

BANKERS' DORMANT BALANCES.

SCHELY Mr. Lloyd George would be

helped over some rather rough places

if his friend Mr. Horatio Bottomley

succeeded in getting a little private bill

which he has just obtained permission

to again introduce into the House of

Commons, passed into law. Inciden-

tally if it gets placed on the Statute

Book a good many long buried secrets

will have to be disclosed by the bankers

of the United Kingdom. What the

member for South Hackney desires to

see placed on the English statute book

is a law "to provide for the disclosure

and handing over by bankers to the

department of the Public Trustee of the

amount of the dormant balances and

securities in their possession, and of

unrepresented old bank notes issued by

them," and that every year thereafter

every banker in the United Kingdom

must furnish a return showing what

dormant balances and securities had remained in his possession for a period of six years, and had not been operated on in any way by the customers in whose names they stood, and, further, what bank notes had been issued for a period exceeding six years.

Through deaths, removals abroad, extinction of families, carelessness of testators, and in various other ways, an enormous quantity of wealth, amounting to many millions of pounds, has accumulated in the hands of the banking institutions of Great Britain. For the most part this undisclosed wealth consists of unclaimed bank balances, but there is also a very considerable quantity of securities and valuables. Mr. Bottomley contends that all these valuable assets should, after due and sufficient notice has been given, be placed at the disposal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. In introducing a similar bill about a year ago, he mentioned the case of an old lady who had upwards of £20,000 in one bank, and had been in the habit of coming periodically to examine her account. Then she suddenly disappeared and the bank heard nothing of her for years. In consequence of the case being mentioned in Parliament inquiries were set on foot and the old lady was discovered in a lunatic asylum. The probabilities are that the bank would never have known of this through any of the ordinary channels and the old lady's wealth would have become dormant. The principal custodians of family jewels, plate, securities, etc., are now, as they always have been, the private banks and their vaults and strong rooms are in many cases filled with boxes deposited years and years ago by people who have never enquired for them since the day they handed the boxes over for safe-keeping. Now this is not the fault of the banks, but of the depositors, at least in the great majority of cases. It is singular to read also that many millions of securities sent over to England by old French families at the time of the Revolution still remain in the custody of the successors of the Georgian bankers. In many of these cases the entire wiping out of an old noble family in the troublous times of the Terror must be held accountable. Mr. Bottomley also speaks of enormous balances of old Mansion House funds accumulated in private banks which have since been absorbed by joint stock banks, not a penny of which have since been accounted for. A gentleman who said that he was for some years the manager of a well-known private bank once wrote to the member for South Hackney stating that it was discovered one day that damp had penetrated to the strong-room, and had rusted many of the security boxes to such an extent that the lids of some of them had come off. One box, which fell to pieces on being handled, displayed an enormous assortment of Indian jewellery, bangles, and many packets of priceless precious stones. A list of these was made, and they were replaced in a new box. Shortly afterwards the bank was amalgamated with a joint stock bank, and all the partners retired, but they did not hand over either the unclaimed balances in their hands or the security boxes, and the former alone amounted to the knowledge of his correspondent, to upwards of a million sterling. Another interesting case was that of a Scottish earl, who, having deposited two boxes of securities with a well-known private bank, went one day to check them, and to his great astonishment, was shown three boxes. It turned out that his great grandfather, whose name was similar, had deposited a box there 150 years before.

That Mr. Bottomley is not speaking without his book in this matter is shown by a statement recently made by a member of the Bankers' Institute who had himself made minute inquiries into the subject and who discovered that in twelve banks alone over five millions of unclaimed securities were resting, while one well-known private bank recently admitted that it had in its care two millions of unclaimed securities.

Bankers naturally guard their clients' secrets most carefully, but we do not see that it would be violating any confidence if the measure proposed, by Mr. Bottomley, was carried into effect. A similar practice prevails in Canada and the United States and the law works without friction in both countries. Besides, as we pointed out in the beginning, what an exceedingly cosy hermit it would prove for our present predatory Chancellor of the Exchequer to exploit.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The will of the late Sir W. Carron-Wyllie has been proved at £3,431.

The English Mail of the 10th July was delivered in London on the 9th inst.

The Criminal Sessions, fixed for to-day, have been adjourned until to-morrow. The only case to be dealt with is one of murder.

The next incoming Siberian Mail is being brought down from Shanghai by the P. & O. Calcutta, due here on Friday. The London dates are 28th and 30th July.

A concert will be given to-night in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, under the auspices of the Hongkong Temperance Union. Mrs. Kew, Mrs. Joughin, and Mr. White, of R. M. S. Tamar, are amongst those who have promised to sing. Rev. C. A. Goff will preside, and a welcome is extended to all.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Limerhouse the other day, said the ownership of land did not mean enjoyment, but stewardship. If landlords did not do their duty the time would come to reconsider the conditions of land tenure. Mr. Lloyd George's sentiments do not harmonize with Hongkong landlords' views, we imagine.

Reuter wires from Nairobi that Mr. Roosevelt, in replying to the toast of his health, autographed the Protectorate Uganda, he said, was a real white man's country. It was the most attractive playground in the world, while it offered excellent opportunities to investors. The whites, he added, must do justice to the black population without brutality or sentiment.

After a debate lasting over three hours the City Corporation rejected the proposal to construct a new bridge across the Thames from St. Paul's Church-yard, between Southwark and Blackfriars Bridges, and instructed the Bridge House Estates Committee to bring up a fresh scheme. Part of the scheme was the improvement of the gradients of Southwark Bridge.

A special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Barcelona draws a gruesome picture of the recent riots in that city. He says that 10,000 Revolutionaries marched through the streets with charred bodies, heads, and legs fixed to poles. The Captain-General of the troops witnessed this display, but dared not fire. Dozens of priests and nuns were slaughtered, some of them at the altar. Many were incinerated in the burning convents.

Admiral Fitzgerald, having previously issued a challenge to the Folkestone Boy Scouts that he would make an attempt to enter their camp, accompanied by his son, one night did so recently. Only the ordinary pickets were posted, but they were sufficient. A man seen in the vicinity of the tents was challenged and brought in, notwithstanding a plausible statement which he made that a policeman had suspected him of loitering and followed him into the camp. The man proved to be the admiral, and the boy scouts' theory is that the constable was Lieut. Fitzgerald, the admiral's son. At any rate, he vanished into the darkness. In recognition of the boy scouts' swiftness, Admiral Fitzgerald will give a subscription to the funds. On a previous occasion he was successful in eluding the boy scouts in a tracking game.

## A DISOBEDIENT MATE.

At the Marine Court this morning before Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Harbour Master, George Harding, Master of the British Steamer Ashabula, and Charles Standiford, the second mate, for "continued wilful disobedience to lawful commands of the Master on the 11th and 12th August while at Shanghai."

In his evidence the Captain stated that the second officer was hopelessly drunk while the steamer was at Yokohama and again at Shanghai while on duty, on which occasion he considerably annoyed a lady passenger by entering her cabin during the night and flushing a light through the port.

The chief officer, the lady and other members of the crew gave similar evidence. Charles Standiford, sworn, denied all the charges made against him.

The finding of the Marine Magistrate was as follows:—I find you, Charles Standiford, and Officer S. S. Ashabula, guilty of the charges preferred against you by the Master, George Harding, on the 11th July and 11th and 12th August.

I consider your conduct a disgrace to the certificate you hold under the Board of Trade. I hereby sentence you to 45 days' imprisonment without hard labour.

COLONIAL OPINION AND  
THE JAPANESE  
ALLIANCE.CONTRADICTING UNFOUNDED  
RUMOURS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 18.

Reuter learns that there is no truth in the reports that Australia and Canada combined their forces on all questions discussed by the Defence Conference dealing with naval schemes with reference to Japan. The latter being the ally of Great Britain there can be no question of the British dominions having to defend themselves against the "Japanese peril." Such a suggestion is unfounded and mischievous.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Engineer-Lieut. G. J. Sisley has been posted to H.M.S. King Alfred for service on H.M.S. Vindex.

All lovers of clean, healthy English novels will regret to hear of the death at Putney recently of Miss Rose Nounette Carey.

It is now said that Mr. Seth Low, formerly mayor of New York, may replace Mr. Whitelaw Reid as American Ambassador in London.

Mr. Claude King, who was Mr. Bandmann's leading man in his comedy company the season before last, is now on tour in Australia, playing the lead in Miss Nellie Stewart's Company. He is a most capable actor and is scoring all along the line in the cities of the Commonwealth.

Ex-Governor Samuel R. Van Sant of Minnesota, has been elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is an annual convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Samuel R. Van Sant fought three years in the Civil War as a private and a corporal of Co. A, 9th Illinois Cavalry.

A number of appointments to H.M.S. Flora on recommissioning are announced. They include:—Rev. P. Rowlands, Chaplain; Capt. J. Nicholas, Lieut. E. V. Gray and A. J. Landon, Engineer-Lieut. C. E. Sutton, Staff-Paymaster T. W. F. Vining, Assistant Paymaster C. H. A. Crocutt, Staff-Surgeon A. F. Fraser, and Sub-Lieut. J. M. Palmer.

Upwards of 300 firms in London, employing over 100,000 men, have issued notices to their employees that they are willing to grant twenty-one days' holiday every year on full pay to those who, with their sanction, belong to the Territorial Force, and who put in at least fourteen days thereof in camp, while in the country. 400 firms have made the same offer.

The death is announced at Paris of the wife of Sir Edward Sassoon, Unionist M.P. for Rythe. Lady Sassoon was the daughter of Baron Gustave de Rothschild, and she was married in 1887. She enjoyed the friendship of the Royal Family, and on several occasions entertained King Edward at Brighton, their residence at Hove being one of the best-known landmarks on the front. Lady Sassoon's benevolence was noteworthy. The funeral took place at Pere la Chaise cemetery.

Capt. G. D. Clayhill-Henders, of Invergowrie, Forfarshire, and Hallyards, Perthshire, has died at Invergowrie in his seventy-seventh year. He took part in the operations in China in 1857-60, being employed for months surveying the approaches to Canton and the whole of the Canton River. He landed with the Naval Brigade under Capt. Cooper-Key. Later, as first lieutenant of the adventure, he was in command of a division of rocket boats in the attack on the Pehlo forts.

The death is announced of General Sir Hugh Rowlands, K.C.B. In the Crimean Campaign of 1854 and 1855 Sir Hugh Rowlands was in the battles of Alma and Inkermann, in the siege and fall of Sebastopol, the assault on the Redan and the attack on the Quarries. He was severely wounded at Inkermann, and wounded again in the assault on the Redan. He was mentioned in dispatches and received the Victoria Cross, and was made a C.B. He afterwards saw service in the Kaffir War of 1877-79, and as late as 1893-94 he commanded the Scottish district. He has been Colonel of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) since 1897. The late General was 80 years of age.

Dispatches received at the State Department in Washington from Venezuela bring the information that the new government of that state is disposed to settle all outstanding claims against the country. President Gomez and his adherents have done all in their power to conciliate the foreign nations having claims and grievances against Venezuela and their efforts have been crowned with success in a large measure. Many of the more serious misunderstandings brought on the country by the Castro regime have been arranged.

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## CRETE.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO  
KING GEORGE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 17.

At Crete, the new Administrative Committee yesterday took the oath of allegiance to King George of Greece.

BERESFORD AND THE  
ADMIRALTY.A REPLY THROUGH THE  
PRESS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 17.

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, in a letter to the Press, states that it is hardly possible for a committee of the Cabinet to produce a report more in accordance with his statements. He attributes the introduction of eight important reforms, including a homogeneous fleet under a single command, and the formation of a naval war staff, to his suggestions.

He further maintains that there is a shortage of modern cruisers and destroyers, which means danger.

The Admiral repudiates any suggestions of disloyalty or want of discipline on his part.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S  
POSITION.

A SIGNIFICANT OMISSION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 17.

There is no official announcement of the Duke of Connaught's resignation of the presidency of the Army Board of Selection, but the absence of the name of His Royal Highness from the list of the Board in the latest Army List confirms the report.

FINANCIAL CONTROL  
OF MACEDONIA.

SYMPATHY WITH TURKEY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 17.

It is reported from Constantinople that the Powers have informed the Porte of their decision to suppress their financial control of Macedonia as a mark of sympathy with the new regime.

SIR MATTHEW NATHAN.

APPOINTED SECRETARY TO  
THE G. P. O.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 18.

Sir Matthew Nathan, Governor of Natal, formerly Governor of Hongkong, has been appointed Secretary of the General Post Office, succeeding Sir H. Robinson Smith, who has become President of the new National Bank of Turkey.

(Note.—Sir Matthew Nathan's various posts all mark upward steps in the ladder of official rank, but singularly enough their emoluments have diminished with each promotion. At Hongkong his salary was £6,000 a year; in Natal he drew £4,500; at the G.P.O. his salary begins at £1,750 and rises to £2,000.—Ed. O. M.)

CRITICAL SITUATION IN  
THE LEVANT.

TURKISH FLEET SAILS.

Anti-Greek Boycott Begun.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 18.

Reuter learns from Smyrna that the Turkish fleet, consisting of twelve units, has left its anchorage, and it is reported that it has sailed for Karpaz.

An anti-Greek boycott has begun.

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EXECUTION OF THE  
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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 18.

Dhingra Lal, the Indian student who shot Sir Curzon Wyllie and Dr. Lalca at the Imperial Institute, London, on the 3rd of July, has been executed at Pentonville Prison.

(Note.—The condemned man a fortnight ago petitioned the Home Secretary that his body might be cremated instead of being buried in quicklime like ordinary malefactors. We do not know what answer was returned.—Ed. O. M.)

NEW GOVERNOR OF  
NETHERLANDS INDIA.MINISTER FOR THE  
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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 18.

Reuter's correspondent at The Hague reports that Mr. Idenburg, Minister for the Colonies in the Dutch Cabinet, has resigned and will shortly be appointed Governor of the Netherlands East Indies.

The new minister is De Waal Malloft.

AFTER THE EARTH-  
QUAKE.PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM  
THIRST.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, August 17.

The investigation into the damage done by the earthquake is still incomplete. Frequent small shocks still continue. The people are suffering from the want of drinkable water, all the wells having been turned muddy.

JAPAN'S TARIFF  
REVISION.NO EXCESSIVE DUTIES  
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(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, August 18.

A high official of the Finance Department in the course of an interview declared that no excessive heavy import duties will be imposed either for tariff or protection purposes after treaty revision has been accomplished.

THE ANHWEI COPPER  
MINES.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)



## ICE CASE CONCLUDED.

## Judgment Reserved.

After having occupied nine days the hearing was today concluded before the Chief Justice (Sir F. Pigott) and the Puisne Judge (Mr Justice Gomersall) of the action in which the Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd., of which Mr Horace Percy Smith is liquidator, sued Messrs Arnold, Karberg and Co. for a sum of \$100,000 damages for alleged breach of warranty by the defendants under an agreement to supply an ice making plant warranted to produce ice of a specified quality.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., and Mr. W. Shado (instructed by Messrs Hastings and Hastings), appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Duncan McNeill, of Shanghai, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs Deacon, Looker and Deacon), appeared for the defendants.

Mr Shado addressed the Court at length. He stated that Messrs. Jarvis, Matheson and Co., might have been wrong in refusing the Milling Co.'s ice; he did not say they were, but they might have been. And yet the plaintiffs might have been justified in refusing to accept the plant. Proceeding, Mr Shado asked what the word "clear" meant in connection with ice.

The word "clear" in the English language was a word of many shades of meaning, and the precise meaning of it differed with regard to the subject matter to which the adjective was applied. Not to take a more remote instance, the word "clear" as applied to a colour or a jewel meant something different from the word "clear" as applied to glass. "Clear" as applied to a colour meant something not dim, not cloudy, not of a muddy colour, and certainly as applied to a jewel it meant, undoubtedly, brilliant or bright.

"Clear" as applied to glass unambiguously and undoubtedly meant transparent. When one spoke of clear glass, he spoke of glass which could be seen through without any obstruction. The word "clear" in itself being unambiguous, it was right for the Court to admit evidence to show what it meant in connection with ice. Did it mean as his learned friend on the other side had contended, bright, sparkling, or brilliant? Or did it mean, as the plaintiffs submitted, transparent, clear in the sense in which the word was applied to glass? Mr Shado asserted that on the meaning of the word the Court had a mass of uncontradicted testimony, and he proceeded to indicate that and comment thereon. Counsel went on to say that the complaint of the Milling Co. was that the ice was not as transparent as that of the Ice Co.—that the clearness was obscured by the core and the air bubbles radiating from it. He submitted that the Court was bound, if it was going to pay any regard at all to the weight of evidence, and not go off on fanciful suggestions devoid of foundation, to hold that "clear" meant "transparent."

The Chief Justice—"That 'clear' was used in the sense of 'transparent'?"

Mr Shado—Yes, unobscured by opaque portions. That is what it comes to.

Later Mr Shado said he was using the word "clear" as a term of art in regard to ice.

The Chief Justice—But you can't take a term of art to mean what it does not.

Mr Shado—I beg your pardon, my Lord. A dozen can mean thirteen; one hundred can mean one hundred and twenty.

Dealing with the question of quality, Mr Shado said one of the most important things with ice was clearness of melting. Ice was kept for use, and it was only of use as long as it retained its clearness. Ice in hot climates was good, and it was most important that it should last. He contended that it had been proved, beyond any question that the Milling Co.'s ice melted at 6.35 per cent. faster than the Ice Co.'s ice. Proceeding, Counsel asserted that the melting point of ice was solely dependent on the surface exposed to the air; at least, he believed that was so; if not, his friend Mr McNeill would correct him, as he knew more about the matter.

Mr McNeill—I don't like to admit my ignorance, my Lord, but really I know nothing at all about it.

Mr Shado, in the course of further contentions, said the plant supplied not only turned out ice with a core, but with a bad core. The plant was not even a good "can" ice machine. The defendants had put the plaintiffs in a position to earn nothing with the machine. It was not a question of repairs, or anything of that kind; it was a question of inherent fault. They might go on tinkering with the plant until Doomsday, keeping it a "can" plant, but it could never do the work warranted by defendants. Proceeding, counsel argued that plaintiffs could recover as general damages the probable profits they could have made if the machine had turned out all right. And he further held that in order to ascertain the amount of such damages their Lordships could look to any evidence as to contracts for sale of the produce. Dealing further with the point, Mr Shado said that to take a different view to the one he was advancing was reducing the law to an absurdity. The law was generally sound on the subject of damages, which, after all was only a question for the exercise of common sense.

The Chief Justice—There is very seldom an appeal to common sense. But perhaps you had better not carry the point further.

Mr Shado—I am not suggesting that your Lordships have not got common sense (laughter). I am trying to provide your Lordships with facts upon which you can exercise it.

The case was concluded, and their Lordships intimated that they reserved their judgment.

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## HONGKONG'S SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS.

## The Need for More Water.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board Col. Bedford said the solution of the difficulty caused by the insanitary condition of a certain latrine was water flushed urinals. That was the remedy for this and a great many other nuisances which came before the Board.

The President (Mr E. D. C. Wolfe) remarked that the chief difficulty was the water supply.

Colonel Bedford thought that should hardly apply when they saw tons of water rushing to the sea after rain. He had served on the Rock of Gibraltar, where the only water that could be obtained was from the rain which came down from Heaven or from water pumped from wells. In that town, with a population of 25,000, there was no such thing as a latrine which was not a water-closet. There was no dreadful bucket system. That was one of the things which shocked him most when he came to the East.

Dr. Clarke replied that the explanation was that Gibraltar had a dual water supply. The use of filtered water for W.C.'s when Chinese had only two hours of water daily would be iniquitous. (Hear, hear.)

No action was taken on the point raised.

## CHINESE SEAMEN IN BRITISH SHIPS.

Much controversy has arisen of late in connection with the substitution of Chinese for British crews in ships of the mercantile marine. According to statistics just received from the Board of Trade by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild the number of Chinese shipped, at eighteen of the principal ports in the U.K. during the years 1904, 1907, and 1908 are 3,150, 4,502, and 4,463 respectively. From this of course it would appear that the new language test for seamen, imposed by the Board of Trade, has arrested the influx of Chinese seamen in our ships.

An interesting feature in connection with this matter has just been brought to the notice of the Secretary by one of the members of the Guild relative to a curious law or belief which prevails in China. It is said that if a Chinaman saves the life of another he has, by Chinese law, to keep him and feed him for the rest of his life. This, the Guild's correspondent remarks, is rather the reverse of Western ideas, but explains to a large extent why Chinese are not of much use in cases of emergency. He quotes the following personal experience:—"I, the steamer of which I was Chief Officer Chinese firemen were employed. We had the misfortune to sink another steamer, and although boat-drill was held regularly every week, these firemen would not attempt in any way to save life, being left to the British Officers and Sailors. I did not understand their reluctance to take part in the rescue as there was so very little danger connected with it. I now believe that the Law existing in China of having to keep a man on saving his life was the cause of the reluctance of the firemen referred to."

**ITEMS AT THE COURTS.**  
The lakong who stole another's uniform was, at the Magistracy today, sent to prison for 14 days.

A native extradited from Macao was, at the Magistracy today, sentenced to three months' imprisonment and four hours' work by Mr J.R. Wood.

For stealing a pair of shoes and a pair of trousers from a house in Kennedy Town a native was today sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and six hours' work.

A charge of stealing a pair of trousers was preferred against a native from Shaokwan. He gave as his excuse for committing the theft the fact that he had no money and he took the trousers to pawn in order to buy rice. Mr Hazeldan ordered him to be placed in the stocks for six hours and to be imprisoned for three weeks.

Before Mr J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy today, two Chinese men and a woman were charged with fraudulently conspiring together to obtain from a person living at 43, Cochrane Street, sums of \$150, \$150, \$200, and \$50. Mr F. O. Barlow prosecuted and Mr Beavis defended. The case was remanded for a week, bail being fixed at \$5,000 each.

Dr. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, prosecuted a shopkeeper residing at 81, Bonham Strand for having in his possession tinned fish unfit for human consumption. Mr Otto Kong appeared for defendant, who stated that the goods were not for sale, but were simply being stored at his premises until the owner could examine them. A nominal fine of \$5 was imposed, his Worship stating that the matter ought first to have been brought to the notice of the Sanitary Board.

The steamships "Soudan," "Plassy," and "Dongola," owned by the P. and O. Company, have been chartered by the Admiralty for the ensuing season, the "Soudan" for the imperial troop service, the "Plassy" and "Dongola" for Indian transport work.

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## TOKYO LETTER.

## (From Our Own Correspondent).

TOKYO, August 17th.  
Negotiations between the Tokyo-Yokohama Electric Railway Company and Messrs Sale and Fraser, Ltd., for a loan of ¥2,000,000 have been concluded. It is said that the actual amount receivable by the railway company is ¥1,820,000, setting aside ¥180,000 as commission to the foreign firm and for sundry expenses incurred in the business. The Japanese Company will use the amount to pay off a loan bearing high interest and will also construct an iron bridge over the Rokugo River and carry out other work.

Trouble is reported in the Hoken Kerosene Oil Co., Nippon prefecture, which has hitherto been doing very successful business. It has declared dividends year by year varying between 30 and 50 per cent. It appears that Mr Yamaguchi, one of the shareholders, has instituted a prosecution against the Directors of the company charging them with having enriched themselves through fraudulent means at the expense of the company. Mediators tried to arrange matters between the parties in March this year but later the Directors filed a criminal action against their accuser. In consequence of the trouble, the Public Prosecutor made a close examination into the business of the oil company and then the directors, to the surprise of the general public, withdrew their complaint. Yamaguchi meanwhile has not changed his attitude towards the Directors. At the end of July the shares of the company were almost lifeless on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, falling by about 5 points.

The transactions in various public securities registered on the Tokyo Stock Exchange during seven months past are as follows: January, ¥ 603,000; February, ¥ 1,213,000; March, ¥ 659,000; April, ¥ 2,011,000; May, ¥ 2,217,000; June, ¥ 3,038,000; and July ¥ 5,038,000. Mr Matsuzuka, manager of the stock Exchange, is of the opinion that this rapid development of business shows that the banks are now inclined to invest their floating capital in State bonds.

At a recent meeting of the Cabinet and Vice-ministers at the Bankers' Club, Marquis Katsura, the Premier, delivered an important speech with regard to tariff revision. He said that the revision of the tariff would be achieved in 1911. Meanwhile, he was not in a position to make any detailed statement in advance of the reports from the Treasury and the Foreign Office. However, the new tariff was not expected to be strongly protectionist. The Government committee were merely bent on recovering tariff autonomy for the country.

In consequence of the recent fire in Osaka, details of which were given in a previous letter, some of the fire insurance companies, Japanese and foreign, sustained heavy losses. The losses suffered by five prominent Japanese insurance companies are: The Nippon, ¥ 1,200,000; the Tokyo, ¥ 1,000,000; the Meiji, ¥ 600,000; the Kyodo, ¥ 400,000; and the Yokohama, ¥ 300,000 all in round figures, making a total of ¥ 3,500,000. The *Asahi* says that the London and Lancashire, Phoenix, Guardian, Norwich, Commercial Union, Sun, New Zealand and Palestine insurance companies also sustained losses which are estimated at ¥ 7,000,000. It may be added that a considerable fall has taken place in the prices of shares in Japanese insurance companies.

Negotiations between Japan and China, with regard to the Kirin (Jiaohun) Railway have concluded. A portion of the income from the railway assigned to the Chinese Government is to be deposited with the Manchurian branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank, and the interest shall be paid on the deposit as requested by the Chinese Commissioners. The Jiji expresses a doubt as to whether the agreement will be approved by the Peking Government.

The Industrial Bank of Japan held its annual general meeting on the 3rd instant. Mr Soyeda, the President, referred in his address to the general condition of economic circles in Japan and also in foreign countries. The main feature was that during the first half of the year, industry and commerce were inactive and the money markets were generally stagnant. There was, however, a revival in prospect in Japan as the Government was going to adjust its finances and consolidate the national loans. In conclusion he said that the business done by the bank during the half year could not be regarded as very successful, but there was a net profit of ¥ 925,448. An interim dividend was declared at the rate of 8 per cent.

Probably close attention is being paid in some circles in Hongkong to the business of the Hokkaido Colliery and Railway Co., which has wide connections with South China and the Philippines. At the recent general meeting, the Chairman stated that the company invested some ¥5,600,000 in the new iron works which were recently successfully started and they had also expended more than ¥630,000 on other projects. These enterprises could not be expected to make any return for some years to come. Referring to the coal mining industry, which is the chief business of the company, the Chairman said that the production was satisfactory and its export to Shanghai, Hongkong, and other places in China was progressing successfully. The Chairman added that only some portions of the iron and steel foundry had been so far completed and tested. The whole of the work shops would be finished and in operating order before the end of next year. Certain orders had been received which the factory was engaged in accomplishing. The company had realised ¥ 370,000 by the sale of bonds received from the Government in consequence of the nationalization of their railway. There was, however, still a considerable amount of bonds to dispose of, and as these were sold the company would devote the money towards starting new enterprises.

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THE LATE EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY.  
Friday was the birthday of the late Emperor Kwong Si, the last after his decease. As is usual in such cases special ceremonies were performed in the city. Flags bearing Chinese words exhorting to the remembrance of the late emperor were to be seen on many buildings. No meat was sold throughout the city and all the theatrical performances were forbidden. The chief ceremony was performed in the Ming Lun Fong, which is the largest assembly hall in the city. Here the chief officials and most prominent residents assembled and all knelt thrice before the deceased monarch's tablets and nine times performed the "K'an-fau." After this rite had been performed the Provincial Educational Commissioner gave a speech to the students assembled in the court yard and subjoined the memory of the departed Emperor. The assembly then broke up.

**CHIBATING AT AN EXAMINATION.**  
At a recent examination held by a certain government department it was found that two of the students had been guilty of irregular proceedings in respect to their examination papers. For punishment they were expelled from the examination hall and told that they must not present themselves for re-examination until a full year has elapsed. A further warning they were told that they would be deprived of their official rank if such conduct occurred again.

**THE CANGUE.**  
A detective found a man buying opium at a shop in Fatsien, not having in his possession the wooden cane the law requires. He was arrested and taken before the Magistrate, who fined him \$2. As he refused to pay the fine he was sentenced to wear the cangue and to be paraded through the streets.

**ROBBERIES AT HONAN.**  
The robbers in Honan have been very active lately and extra precautions are being taken by households to protect their belongings. Lately three children belonging to a prominent resident were kidnapped and the father did not receive them back until he had paid \$2,500 as ransom. A man was also attacked a few nights ago and fatally injured by a gang of robbers. Soldiers have been sent to capture the offenders but not one has been caught. A special deputy is to be appointed to devise means of clearing these bad characters out of the town.

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## On the re-appointment of the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee by the President of the Board of Trade, the Imperial Merchant Service Guild have been invited by the Board of Trade to nominate a Representative to sit on the Committee. The Guild, which is the largest organized body of certificated Captains and Officers in the world, have expressed their thanks to the Board of Trade, and the Management Committee after careful consideration have decided to nominate Captain George Nelson-Hampson as their representative. Captain Hampson on his recent retirement from the sea was Commodore of the Captain in the West African Fleet of Steamers, owned by Messrs Elder Dempster &amp; Co., in which firm he served for over twenty-eight years. He is a gentleman recognised by the cloth as one extremely well fitted for the important duties which have now been delegated to him. Captain Hampson has always identified himself prominently with the work of the Guild and is a member of the Management Committee, and a former Chairman of the Advisory Committee now sitting in the Management Committee.

**THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.**  
The above monthly premium will secure a £1,000 Policy on a good life aged 25 next birthday.

**PREMIUMS BY MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE.**  
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## Shipping.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1910.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

## MARSEILLES &amp; LONDON,

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.  
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS	Leave Colombo	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to MARSEILLES & LONDON (2 days earlier)	Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due LONDON (1 day later)
ARCADIA 7000	Feb. 18	MANTUA 11000	March 5	March 11
ASSAYE 7000	Feb. 18	CHINA 8000	March 19	March 25
DELTA 8000	March 5	MAIWA 11000	April 2	April 8
MACEDONIA 10500	March 19	(Through steamer) calling at Bombay	April 16	April 23
DEVANEA 8000	April 2	MONGOLIA 10000	April 30	May 6
ASSAYE 7000	April 16	MARMORA 10500	May 14	May 20
DELTA 8000	April 30	MOERA 11000	May 28	June 3
DELHI 8000	May 14	MOOLTAN 10000	June 12	June 18

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.  
Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at time of booking.

FARES TO LONDON (Including Surtax):  
1st Saloon £71.10 Single £106.14 Return.  
2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following—

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Through) STEAMERS

## LONDON,

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave Hongkong	Due London
SYRIA 6500	January 26	March 12
SUMATRA 4500	February 9	March 26
NYANZA 6700	February 23	April 9
STADA 4570	March 20	May 7
MALTA 8050	April 13	June 1
BARDINIA 6700	May 18	June 18
NOBE 6700	May 18	July 2

These steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Marseilles.

FARES TO LONDON (Including Surtax):  
1st Saloon £25.0 Single £39.10 Return.  
2nd " £18.10 " £27.4 "

For further particulars, apply to  
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	5540	W. R. Almond	Manila	Aug. 21, at 5 p.m.
SAFIR	5540	R. Rodgers	Manila	Aug. 28, at Noon

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN  
MAIL SERVICE.

## TO AUSTRALIA.

## MAIL SCHEDULE.

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ALDENHAM	Aug. 21	23rd Aug. at Noon
EMPIRE	Sept. 21	18th Sept. at Noon
EASTERN	Aug. 21	13th Oct. at Noon

THE above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Fruit, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State Rooms have Electric Fans. A daily qualified Doctor and Stewardess are carried. For further particulars, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1908.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.J.N.  
REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN  
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXEMPTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILATJAP	JAVA	First half of August	SHANGHAI	First half of August
TJIBODAS	JAPAN	Do.	JAVA	Do.
TJILIWONG	JAPAN	Second half of August	JAVA	Second half of August
TJIMAH	JAVA	First half of Sept.	SHANGHAI	First half of Sept.
TJIKINI	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIPANAS	JAVA	Second half of Sept.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Sept.

THE Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

## JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.J.N.

YORK BUILDINGS, 1st Floor.

TELEPHONE No. 875.

INDRA LINE, LIMITED.  
FOR NEW YORK.

THE Steamship **INDRAWADI**, Captain W. GRAY WILLIAMS, will be despatched as above on or about 21st August. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, July 14, 1909.

## THE BACK DOOR.

A SKETCH OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

Reprinted from the "CHINA MAIL."

To be had at the "CHINA MAIL" Office, 5 Wyndham Street.

Price 30 Cents.

## Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.S.S. 'MACEDONIA',  
10,500 tons,

CAPTAIN C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR

MARSEILLES AND LONDON, Via BOMBAY.

WILL leave Hongkong on MARCH 19th, 1910, staying

at Bombay 24 hours only and is due to arrive at—

MARSEILLES April 16th.

LONDON April 23rd.

FARES TO LONDON—

1st Saloon £71.10 Single £106.14 Return.  
2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "

For further Particulars apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 18, 1909.

## SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR

CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, ETC., VIA MOJI.

KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND

SALINA CRUZ (Mexico).

sails 1909.

S.S. America Maru - 5000 tons gross - Aug. 30th, at noon

S.S. Hongkong Maru - 6000 " - Oct. 21st, at noon

S.S. Manshu Maru - 5000 " - Dec. 10th, at noon

For particulars apply to K. MATSUDA, Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, Yokohama, Japan.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.HONGKONG—SOUTH CHINA  
COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST-Class, latest and most luxurious steamships on the Coast, having splendid Accommodation for First-Class Passengers. Electric Light and First-Class Cuisine.

STEAMSHIP	For	Leaving
HAITANG	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	FRIDAY, 20th, Aug., at 2 p.m.
HAIMUN	SWATOW	SUNDAY, 22nd, Aug., at Noon
HAICHING	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	TUESDAY, 24th, Aug., at 2 p.m.

For the convenience of Passengers, Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

A reduction of 20 per cent on First-Class Fares to Fochow will be made during the months of August and September.

For Freight and Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK &amp; CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, November 17, 1908.

## MEXICAN DIRECT LINE.

TO MANZANILLO, MAZATLAN AND GUAYMAS, MEXICO,  
Via MOJI, JAPAN.

The S.S. PERSIA, 9500 tons, Capt. A. LOCKETT,

will be despatched for the above ports on the 2nd SEPTEMBER.

Connecting at Mazatlan with the Sonora R.R. to Mazatlan, La Paz, Yagui River and Pacific R.R. and at Moji with the MEXICAN NATIONAL LINES, for all the principal places in Mexico and points beyond.

The steamer is fitted throughout with electric light, and will carry Saloon Second-class and Steerage passengers. For further information and rates for Passage and Freight apply to

THE HONG KONG S.S. CO., 37, DES VOGES ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, August 13, 1909.

AUSTRIAN NAVIGATION  
LLOYD'S STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM FOR  
TRIESTE DIRECT, Calling at  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, CALCUTTA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, AND  
PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZIL, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEBANT, VENICE AND ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

CAPTAIN RANOVICH, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 25th of August.

This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WELTER &amp; CO., Agents.

Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, July 29, 1909.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS,  
LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship **SILVERA**, Captain DANIEL, will be despatched as above on or about 25th August.

The attention of passengers is drawn to the excellent accommodation provided by this vessel at cheap rates. The steamer is specially adapted for service in the tropics being fitted with refrigerating machinery, and electric fans in staterooms. Doctor and Stewardess are carried.

Fares to London—

1st Saloon £71.10 Single £106.14 Return.

2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1909.

## Shipping.

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Straits, Orinon, Australia,  
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Ranean Ports, Plymouth,  
AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATA-

VIA PERSIAN GULF, CON-

TINENTAL AMERICAN AND

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

The Steamship **CALEDONIA**, Captain

W. HAYWARD, carrying His

Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from

this for BOMBAY, &amp;c., with Passengers

and Mails, on SATURDAY, the 21st

August, 1909, at Noon, taking Passengers

and Cargo for the above ports in connection

with the Company's Steamship **Mongolia**,

10,000 tons, from Colombo. Passengers

accommodation in which vessel is secured

before departure from Hongkong.

Suez and Panama, all Cargo for France,

and Tea for London (under arrangements) will

be transhipped at Colombo into the mail

steamer proceeding to Marseilles and

London; other cargo for London, &amp;c., will

be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. **Caledonia**, due in London on the 3rd Octo-

ber, 1909.

Passage will be received at this Office

until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The

contents and value of all packages are

required.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 7, 1909.

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## Notice to Consignees

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA,

KOBE AND MOI.

THE Steamship **Gregory**, having

arrived from the above Ports, Con-

signees of Cargo are hereby informed that

their Goods will be delivered from along-

side.

Cargo, impeding the discharge, will be

landed at Consignees' risk and expense

into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous

Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon

Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned.

D. SASSOON &amp; Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, August 18, 1909.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUZ,

ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO,

PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship **Nippon**, having

arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

informed that their Goods are being

landed at their risk into the hazardous

and/or extra hazardous Godowns of

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery

may be obtained.

This Steamer brings Cargo from

Venice ex a.s. **Melanch**, transhipped at

Trieste.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here

under notice to the contrary be given

immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Claims must be sent to the Office of the

Undersigned before Noon, on the 23rd

August, 1909, or they will not be re-

cognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns where they

will be examined on the 23rd August, at

10 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and

any Goods remaining in the Godowns after

the 23rd August, 1909, will be subject to

rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WELTER &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 18, 1909.

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## THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP **AYMERIC**.

FROM TACOMA, SEATTLE, YOKO-

HAMA, KOBE, MOI AND

MANILA.

THE above steamer having arrived, Con-

signees of Cargo are hereby requested to

send in their Bills of Lading for

countersignature and to take delivery of

their Goods from alongside.

Cargo, impeding the discharge of the

Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us

in any case whatever.

DODWELL &amp; CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, Aug. 13, 1909.

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## FROM EUROPE.

THE S.S. **SPZLA**, Captain

GIMMERMAN, having arrived, Con-

signees of Cargo are hereby requested to

send in their Bills of Lading for counter-

signature by the Undersigned and to take

immediate delivery of their Goods from

alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before

Teat.

Any Cargo impeding their discharge will

be landed at consignees' risk into the

hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns

of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten

days of the steamer's arrival here, after

which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 30th inst.

will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on the 19th inst., at 8 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us

in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Agents at Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, August 13, 1909.

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## SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY

SHORTEST AND QUICKEST ROUTE BETWEEN



## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 18th, at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has risen generally, particularly in the North. Pressure is high to the North of Japan, and over the S. part of the China Sea. It is relatively low over the Eastern Sea. Moderate variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and moderate monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.4 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

1.—Hongkong and Neighborhood: S. W. winds, moderate; fair to showery.

2.—Formosa Channel: Variable winds, moderate.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamcocks: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: S. winds, moderate.

## To-day's Advertisements



## NAVY CONTRACT.

TENDERS are invited for the supply of UPHOLSTERY WORK for one year from the 1st September, 1909, to H. M. Naval Yard, Hongkong. Forms of Tender can be obtained on application to the Naval Stores Officer, H. M. Naval Yard, and should be returned not later than Noon the 23rd August, 1909. A deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100) will be required when applying for tender forms. This will be returned if the tender be declined.

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted, and the right is reserved of accepting any portion of a tender.

H. RISSLAND,  
Naval Stores Officer.

Hongkong, August 18, 1909. 1039

## SHIP'S SURGEON.

Apply to  
ENG HOK FONG S.S. CO.,  
37, Des Voeux Road Central,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1909. 1043

## WANTED.

A SENIOR ASSISTANT for an Import and Export Firm. Thorough knowledge of English and German essential. Full particulars of former employment with cross-references required. Good prospects for a really smart man. Apply to "A. B. C. D." Office, Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office, Hongkong, August 18, 1909. 1040

## THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

TRY  
OUR SUGAR CURED  
BACON  
AND  
HAM  
OF EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY.

60 cents per lb.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

Captain WAGNER, having arrived, con-

signees of Cargo are hereby informed that

their goods are being landed and placed at

their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-

hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong &

Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company

limited, whence delivery may be obtained

against Bill of Lading counterbalanced by

the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before

to-day.

All Claims must be presented within ten

days of the steamer's arrival here, after

which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 25th inst.,

will be subject to the Godowns, where they

will be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on the 24th inst., at

3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected by

us in any case except after landing.

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notice to the contrary be given before

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days of the steamer's arrival here, after

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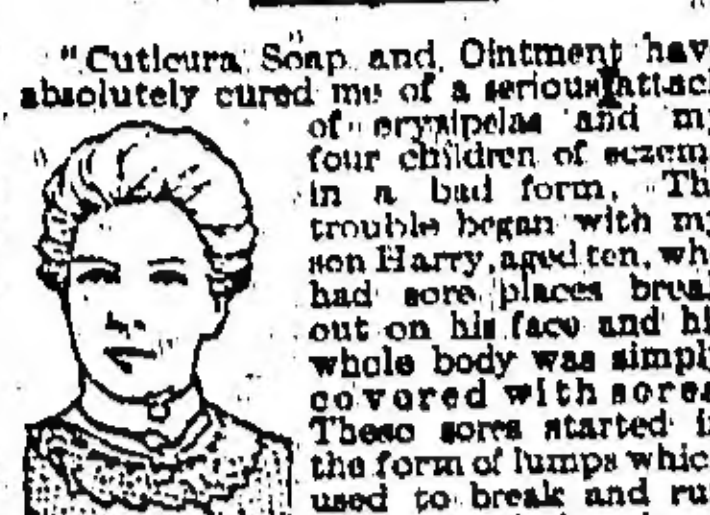
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FAMILY'S FEARFUL  
SKIN TORMENTS

Four Children Covered with Torturing  
Eczema—Mother Blind with  
Erysipelas, Sleepless and Nearly  
Mad with Worry—Hospital Seem-  
ed Their Last Resort when

CUTICURA CURED THEM  
ALL IN THREE WEEKS

"Cuticura Soap and Ointment have  
absolutely cured me of a serious attack  
of eczema, and my four children of eczema  
in and about the face and neck. The  
trouble began with my son Harry, aged ten,  
who had some black spots break out  
on his face and his whole body was simply  
covered with sores. These sores started in  
the form of lumps which used to break and  
run matter, and then leave nasty raw places.  
I tried many things but he got worse, and then the disease  
spread to each of my three little daughters. They soon became as badly  
affected as my son Harry, and I was  
driven nearly mad with the worry of it.  
They suffered dreadfully, and it was  
most distressing to me to be unable to  
get anything to relieve them. I did  
not have a proper night's sleep for three  
weeks. To make matters worse, I  
caught a cold, and then erysipelas set  
in. It affected my face so badly that for  
two days and nights I could not open  
my eyes and I had to remain in bed.  
There seemed to be no other course  
open than for all of us to go into a  
hospital, but my father advised me to  
try the Cuticura Remedies. I bought the  
Cuticura Soap and Ointment at once, and  
the very first application worked  
wonders. I was simply amazed  
at their healing power. They quite cured  
me within three weeks, and there is  
not even a mark now to show the ter-  
rible skin-torture I suffered. I did not  
lose any time in trying the effect of the  
Cuticura Remedies on each of my four  
children's eczema, and in every case  
the cure was as perfect as my own. They  
were all quite well again as soon as I  
was. Mrs. J. J. Smith, 19, Midway Rd.,  
London, Essex, Eng., Nov. 23, '08."

Apply to  
ENG HOK FONG S.S. CO.,  
37, Des Voeux Road Central,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1909. 1043

## To-day's Advertisements

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR will com-

mence on MONDAY, 23rd August.

For particulars as to Board and Tuition

apply to

THE DIRECTOR.

Hongkong, August 18, 1909. 1041

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards

are transmissible by the SIBERIA route

to EUROPE.

Mails from EUROPE via SIBERIA.

Date of despatch Date of arrival

from London to Hongkong via S. S. Co.

28th & 30th July Aug. 25th

28th & 30th July Aug. 25th

Mails will close for

SWATOW, AMOY, FOOCHEW &

SHANGHAI.

Per Cheong Maru, at 9 a.m., on Thurs-

day, the 19th Aug.

SHANGHAI.

Per Denawa, at 11 a.m., on Thursday,

the 19th Aug.

MACAO.

Per Sui Tai, at 1.15 p.m., on Thurs-

day, the 19th Aug.

SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

Per Denawa, at 2 p.m., on Thursday,

the 19th Aug.

SINGAPORE.

Per Antioch, at 3 p.m., on Thursday,

the 19th Aug.

MOJI.

Per Fuku Maru, at 3 p.m., on Thurs-

day, the 19th Aug.

SAIGON.

Per Telemachus, at 3 p.m., on Thursday,

the 19th Aug.

AMOY, SHANGHAI & CHINKIANG.

Per Cheong Maru, at 3 p.m., on Thurs-

day, the 19th Aug.

SHANGHAI.

Per Cheong Maru, at 3 p.m., on Thurs-

day, the 19th Aug.

HOLO.

Per Lomora, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the

20th Aug.

SHANGHAI.

Per Cheong Maru, at 11 a.m., on Friday,

the 20th Aug.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

Per Cheong Maru, at 1 p.m., on Friday,

the 20th Aug.

CHEFOO & NEWCHANG.

Per Lomora, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the

20th Aug.

MANILA.

Per Lomora, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the

20th Aug.

MANILA, ZAMBOANGA,

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY

## SHIPPING

## ARRIVALS.

August 17.

Edinburg, British str., 355, J. W. Evans,

Swatow August 16, General.—DORRIS

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